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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.:	10/550,430	}	I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
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Title:	SEALED VALVE	}	

- [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- [x] Applicant hereby petitions for a **2-month extension** and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the 2nd month after the due date of October 28, 2006. The payment of \$225.00 to cover the 2-month extension is authorized to be deducted from USPTO Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

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Sir:

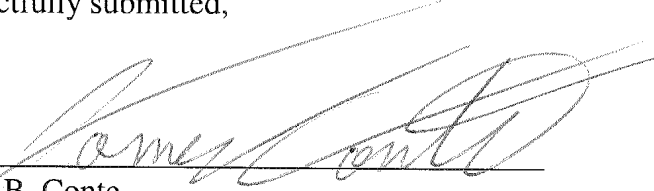
The present communication responds to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed November 27, 2006. The notice requires that applicant submit a duly signed oath in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. The notice also requires that applicant pay a fee of \$130 for later filing of the oath. Further, the notice requires that applicants submit a copy of the notice.

Enclosed herewith is a fully executed declaration and a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts.

Applicant also hereby authorizes the patent office to deduct from its deposit account 12-0913 \$130.00 and any other fees necessary to proceed with this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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